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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Request for Comments on Draft Solicitation for Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Loan Programs Office (LPO) of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces availability of a draft of a potential future solicitation for Federal Loan Guarantees for Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects. LPO invites comments regarding the draft of the potential future solicitation.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the draft of the potential future solicitation must be received on or before ***[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]***.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Peter W. Davidson, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585. The draft solicitation is available on LPO's website at <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is considering a potential future solicitation for Federal Loan Guarantees for Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects. Should DOE choose to proceed with such a solicitation, applicants would be invited to apply for loan guarantees from DOE to finance projects and facilities

located in the United States that employ innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies ("Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects"). DOE may make up to Two Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$2,500,000,000) in loan guarantee authority available under the proposed solicitation for Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects, plus an additional amount that can be imputed based on the availability of an appropriation for the credit subsidy cost of such imputed loan guarantee authority. The amount of total loan guarantee authority that could be available pursuant to the proposed solicitation will depend on credit subsidy rates.

DOE is considering including in the potential future solicitation projects or facilities that use

- (a) renewable energy systems;
- (b) efficient electrical generation, transmission, and distribution technologies; or
- (c) efficient end-use energy technologies;

(within the meaning of those terms in Section 1703(b)(1), (6), and (7) of Title XVII).

Should DOE choose to proceed with such a solicitation, DOE would look favorably on eligible projects that will have a catalytic effect on the commercial deployment of future Renewable Energy Projects and/or Efficient Energy Projects that replicate or extend the innovative feature of the eligible project. While comments are sought on all aspects of the draft solicitation, DOE is particularly interested in comments regarding technologies that will have a catalytic effect on the commercial deployment of future Renewable Energy Projects and/or Efficient Energy Projects that replicate or extend the innovative feature of the eligible project.

LPO is announcing a draft of a potential future solicitation for Federal Loan Guarantees for Renewable Energy Projects and Efficient Energy Projects. LPO invites comments regarding the draft of the potential future solicitation.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511 et seq.).

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